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NSC BRIEFING 20 December 1954

**OFFSHORE ISLANDS**

I. Situation very quiet past three weeks.

A. Sporadic shelling of Ichiang and Quemoy continues; Communist planes still patrol over Tachens.

B. Attacks now difficult due poor weather, but still possible.

II. Peiping continues build for future operations against islands and Formosa.

A. Roads in Fukien being improved.

B. About 1,000 junks in Canton area refitted, painted black: may be used to train crews in amphibious operations.

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